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First Annual Bike Race

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At 3:30 on February 29, mass pandemonium broke loose on the hill as crowds of cheering fans lined the parking lot and as the bikers got fired up to win the coveted first-foot first place trophy.

The race involved sixteen grueling laps around the MBA campus. The course required speed along the library drive, skill in dismounting and shuffling across the creek, and endurance in the cross-country biking.

There were eleven teams which dared to enter the competition. The teams included four members. Entries ran the whole range from seventh to twelfth grades.

After sixteen laps under cold and windy conditions, "The Road Hackers"—Steve Stephens, Alex Grimsley, Mike Hughes, and Dan Jones—prevailed with a winning time of 30 minutes, 54.49 seconds.

The second place finishers were Brooks Corzine, John Dale, Charlie Collins, and David Shankle with a time of 31 minutes, 55 seconds. Third were Rich Good, Art Hancock, Steve Hines, and Martin Brown. The Student Council Representatives—Phillip Altenbern, Rusty McDonald, Russell Regen, and Anderson Spickard—pulled up fourth.

The race was not without mishaps. The team of K. Duffey, A. Watts, D.



Recently tapped for Totomoi, MBA's honorary fraternity, were Owen Lipscomb, Steve Hall, Bill Galloway, and Scott Campbell, seated in front. Tapping some of them was member Randy Henderson, standing in the rear.

Felts, and R. Sullivan was forced to retire from the race early when the team's bike suffered damage at the start. A bike struggle between Rich Good and Joe Davis later in the race left Good's team with broken spokes.

The editors and staff of *The Bell Ringer* wish to express their appreciation for the success of the race to Tim Warnock and Mark Pelfen, who organized the event, and to Mr. Smith, who directed construction of the bridge across the creek.

Bowers Receives Honors

Although his name is often mentioned in assembly, rarely does Ricky Bowers get as much recognition as he deserves. Participating in three major sports—football, basketball, and baseball—Bowers is essential in each of them, but particularly in football and basketball.

Having played on the regional champion varsity football team, the second place basketball team in the district, and a state champion baseball team, Bowers has been an accomplished safety and receiver and an exceptional point guard, while maintaining his studies at MBA.

In football, this year and the last were excellent ones for Ricky. Tom Moore's favorite receiver, Bowers

was recognized mainly for his excellent play at free safety. Chosen by *The Banner* and *The Tennessean* to the All-NIL first team, Bowers also made honorable mention on the All-State team. He also received the Coach's Award, but more significantly, he was chosen to the All-Decade team for the 1970's.

In basketball, Bowers proved a threat both on offense and defense. Prone to intercepting opponents' passes, Bowers was a double threat offensively with his masterful ball-handling and sharp shooting. His high-point game was in Mobile where he scored 38. In addition to winning the Coach's Award twice, Bowers made the all-NIL team for 1980.

Literary Magazine

In April, *The Bell Ringer* will publish a literary issue highlighting creative work by students. In the recent past, MBA has had a literary magazine, but lack of student interest and support forced the publication to suspend operation for the time being. Believing that a collection of students' work for the year, if not for each semester, is a worthy publication, *The Bell Ringer* is seeking to revive interest in a literary magazine by devoting one of its issues to a literary magazine. However, this adopting of the magazine by the school newspaper is only a temporary measure designed as a catalyst for *Xanadu* to resume operation as a full-fledged organization.

The term literary magazine is somewhat misleading, for, in addition to creative writing, *The Bell Ringer* is soliciting the graphic arts, such as prints and other media easily reproduced in newsprint. Of necessity, all material submitted must be in black and white. In terms of creative writing, *The Bell Ringer* will print tasteful material ranging from the short story to poetry including anything in between.

In conclusion, the newspaper will consider almost anything for publication in this rather experimental issue. It is the editors' sincere hope that this issue of the newspaper will suffice to stimulate the production of a full-fledged magazine for creative work at MBA in the coming years.

Seniors Accepted Early

Though one generally assumes that college acceptances flood in at the beginning of April, not all the seniors are sweating over where they will have the choice of going to school next year. By the middle of February, twenty-five of this year's graduating class had been accepted to at least one college.

The majority of these acceptances are under the Early Decision plan, in which the student states a strong commitment to the school in exchange for an early decision on his application. If he is accepted, the application process stops there for him. The deadline for most Early Decision applications is in early November, and the reply date is generally sometime around the first week in December. The obvious advantage to this plan is the security of knowing one's plans for the next four years without the anguish of

three month's wait (the usual period for January deadline applications).

Other schools represented in the acceptances to date for MBA students use what is called a rolling admissions plan. In it the typical school will have a period of several months during which it accepts applications. As the applications come in, the school decides on them and notifies the students accordingly. The advantage of this plan is the fact that it eliminates the need for specific deadlines for both the applicant and the admissions committee at the college.

The acceptances that the MBA office knows about as of mid-February are listed as follows: Rucker Betty—Auburn University, Thompson Brown—Auburn University, Bob Calton—University of Georgia, Joe Calvin—Davidson College, Rob Daugherty—Washington University (St. Louis), Bill Galloway—Williams College, Andy Gill—University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Mississippi, Chip Grimes—Washington University, Indiana University, John Haley—Birmingham-Southern College, Steve Hall—Vanderbilt University, Art Hancock—University of the South, Chris Hannon—University of Mississippi, John Hargrove—Vanderbilt University, Randy Henderson—Duke University, Robert Jones—Georgia Institute of Technology, Mark Kaplan—University of Michigan, Morris Lewis—Vanderbilt University, Owen Lipscomb—University of the South, Trey McPherson—Sterling Institute, Jim Moyers—DePauw University, Dave Peterseim—Duke University, David Puett—Dartmouth College, Buist Richardson—Centre College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Birmingham-Southern College, Walt Sliva—Wesleyan University, Sloan Warner—Davidson College.

Though in some cases the decision of what school to attend remains to be made, the above-listed students can rest secure in the knowledge that they have a good college to attend next year.

Merit Finalists Named

The National Merit Scholarship Program has completed the evaluation of Semi-finalists and has named nine MBA seniors as National Merit Finalists.

The Finalists include Stephen P. Bruehl, Scott W. Campbell, Warren A. Coleman, III, William C. Galloway, Everett R. Henderson III, Joseph M. Knight, Russell Marianelli, Joshua M. May, and Andy S. Nelson.

Over 90 per cent of the 15,000 semi-finalists across the nation named in the fall of 1979 are finalists,

and only those finalists will be considered for Merit Scholarships. However, the finalists represent only one half of one per cent of those students who took the qualifying test in their junior year.

The selection of Merit Scholars is now in progress. About 14,000 finalists are being considered for at least 1,000 National Merit \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this spring. In addition, over 3,300 four-year Merit Scholarships along with scholarships given by corporations will be awarded.



Merit Finalists: Joe Knight, Russell Marianelli, Josh May, Bill Galloway, Andy Nelson, Steve Bruehl. Not pictured: Warren Coleman, Randy Henderson, Scott Campbell.

History of Montgomery Bell Academy (Part 1)

During the latter years of the Revolutionary War, thousands of settlers began their migration across the Appalachian mountains into the fertile Bluegrass Region of Kentucky and Tennessee. In 1780, James Robertson constructed a primitive stockade on the banks of the Cumberland River known as Nashboro.

Living in a rough frontier community, the people had little time to devote to such activities as education. Yet by 1785, living conditions had improved tremendously. Because of the

settlers' need for education in the new Western lands, the North Carolina Legislature (because Tennessee, at this time, still belonged to North Carolina) authorized the establishment of a school named Davidson Academy.

Davidson Academy became the first institution of higher learning west of the Alleghenies. Directed by the Reverend Thomas Craighead, a Princeton graduate, the school was unique among other schools because of three factors: 1. the sale of tax-exempt lands provided revenue for the school; 2. the Board of Trustees

consisted of social and political leaders of the community; and 3. the school was nonsectarian, supported by neither religious or political groups.

Little is known about the school because certain record books have been lost. However, it is known that the curriculum was probably based upon the classics—Greek, Latin, and History.

In order to take advantage of an 1806 Federal law which stated that all newly created colleges would be granted 100,000 acres, the Tennessee

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Senior Honor Society. Front: Hill, Hastings, Anderson, Good, Coleman, Kornman, and Komo. Standing: Hall, Anderson, McDonald, DiVittorio, Galloway, Staton, Davis, Gibbs, Puett, Stephens, Stroup, Hardcastle, Crist, Peterseim, Henderson, White, and Fairbairn.

CDB Hosts Jam

Every Volunteer Jam so far has been acclaimed by all as "the best one ever." Vol Jam VI was no exception. The Charlie Daniels Band's annual rock festival this year featured superstars from virtually every field of music, except, of course, Disco. There was certainly something for everyone—only at the Volunteer Jam could you see Ted Nugent and Crystal Gayle on the same stage—and not even the conspicuous absence of Lynyrd Skynyrd (now the Rossington-Collins Band) could prevent it from being the best concert ever staged in Nashville.

The Winters Brothers Band opened the proceedings, followed by Louisiana's LeRoux, who performed their big hit from a few years ago, "New Orleans Ladies." John Prine made his appearance for the second consecutive year with "Hello in There" and another tune from his *Pink Cadillac* album. Finally, the Charlie Daniels Band took the stage, beginning with two tunes from the *Million Mile* Reflections album, "Passing Lane" and "Jitterbug." During an exceptionally long set, the band performed all of their old standards, including "Trudy," "Long-Haired Country Boy," "Caballo Diablo," and "Uneasy Rider." A backdrop bearing likenesses of the three late

rock n' rollers to whom "Reflections" is dedicated was unfurled during the playing of that song, and Charlie wept openly when singing about his close friend, Ronnie Van Zant of Lynyrd Skynyrd. The casual nature of the Jam enabled the CDB to do some songs which they might not perform in a regular concert, such as a blues medley of the traditional Gospel Hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," which was complemented by Bobby Jones and his New Life Singers, and "Cumberland Mountain Number Nine," a ballad written and performed by Tom Crain, a guitarist for the band and an alumnus of MBA (class of '69). Charlie also displayed his guitar talent in his rendition of the Quintessential Rock n' Roll song, Chuck Berry's Johnny B. Goode. The CDB wrapped up their set with "The South's Gonna do it (Again)," "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," and a stellar fiddle opus by Charlie on "Orange Blossom Special." It was ten o'clock, and if the concert had been over then, it would have been well worth the price of a ten dollar ticket.

Volunteer Jam VI, however, was just getting started. Toy Caldwell of the Marshall Tucker Band was next with "Can't You See," followed by the rhythm and blues of Elvin Bishop. Crystal Gayle made a

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History

State Legislature, at the request of the Trustees, converted the Academy into a college and renamed the school Cumberland College. However, financial troubles caused by the Panic of 1819 forced a closing of the school for several years. In 1824 when the school was ready to resume operation, the Trustees succeeded in getting Philip Lindsay, the president-elect of Princeton, to become the school's new leader.

Described as a "man of great vision," Lindsay planned to build a university in the south which would even rival the great schools of New England. In 1826, the name of the school was changed to the University of Nashville. Although he was unsuccessful in fulfilling this goal, Lindsay believed that there was a great need for a science department. Despite the fact that his belief in moderate abolition of slaves made him somewhat unpopular in Nashville, he was reasonably successful in founding and directing the Literary Department.

But Lindsay's vision for the future was shattered by an outbreak of cholera in 1849. A severe lack of students, and a host of financial troubles forced the school to suspend operation.

In 1850, Lindsay's son, John Berrien, replaced his father as president. He achieved one of his father's dreams by creating the Medical School, which, in time, became the outstanding institution of its kind in the Mississippi Valley. Another of his accomplishments was the University's merger with the Western Military Institute, begun in 1847 by Colonel Bushrod Johnson. In the 1850's, it was fashionable for wealthy southerners to send their sons to military school because there they would mature out of their boyish ways. Also by this time, the South was becoming increasingly preoccupied with its ability to defend itself in time of war. By means of this merger, Lindsay was forever guaranteed a plenitude of students. Much-needed buildings were constructed and the students became cadets with elaborate uniforms.

In 1855, an occurrence happened which had a profound effect on both the University and the city of Nashville. An iron manufacturer named Montgomery Bell died but left a will in which he gave the

University of Nashville \$20,000 in order to create an academy for those children "who are not able to support and educate themselves."

Bell, the son of a large family of Irish ancestry, was born on January 3, 1769, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. In 1802 he had moved to Tennessee where he purchased the Cumberland Furnace and Iron Works in Dickson County. In the period between 1802 and 1847, Bell had amassed a fortune in the production of iron, a practical necessity to the people of an essentially agricultural region. His most famous achievement was the construction of a forge on the Harpeth River.

By utilizing slave labor, Bell built a tunnel 80 yards long through solid rock thus creating a waterfall which drove the hammers of the forge. Also, Bell was known for his many slaves, probably 400 at one time. Despite his appearance as a hard-driving and money-pinching man, Bell treated his slaves humanely and participated in the re-colonization program of sending slaves to Liberia on the coast of Africa. At his own expense, the slaves were educated, supplied with necessities, and returned by ship to Africa. It is said that Bell's only friend was a loyal slave named James Worley. Thus when Bell died on April 1, 1855, he had few family or friends to whom he could give his fortune. He had decided that his money would be used for the education of needy boys.

In the will, Bell declared that the school was to be named Montgomery Bell Academy in his honor. Also the curriculum was to be English, reading, writing,

arithmetic, geography, mathematics, and ancient and/or modern languages(s). The students were to be boys between the ages of 10 and 18. However, the creation of this much-needed preparatory school in Nashville was delayed for over twelve years by the intrusion of the War between the States which began in 1861.

During the year 1857, a whirlpool of violence swept the nation into chaos. Disagreements between faculty members disrupted the University's life, and in 1861, most of the students left school in order to join the confederate army, one of which was the great hero Sam Davis. After the fall of Fort Donelson in February of 1862, Union General Buell seized Nashville and confiscated many buildings. Dr. Lindsay tried to protect the University's building from the destruction but was unsuccessful.

In 1865, after more than three years of occupation by enemy troops, Nashville was at last freed from the ravages of war. However, the University had suffered permanent damage. The school grounds were dilapidated. The Western Military Institute had been destroyed. But most importantly, the city of Nashville had practically lost an entire generation of men. Fathers and older brothers had left for war in 1861 but had never returned, and those who did survive the war had to work hard to feed their families. No one had either the time or money for education. But by 1867, the rebuilding of Nashville had progressed to the extent that Dr. Lindsay was able to establish Montgomery Bell Academy.



Junior Honor Society. Front: Van Riper, Harrison, Chamberlain, Moore, Rafalowski. Rear: Weisinger, Wheatcraft, Moyers, Duncan, Jenkins, Jenkins, Schenker.

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Debate Tourneys

By GEORGE CATE

The past few weeks of MBA debating on the national and local levels have provided both success and disappointment. The debate teams of Joe Calvin and George Cate, Scott Campbell and Scott Greer, Wyatt Wells and Craig Franklin have done admirably in national competition while suffering in a critical local tournament.

On January 18, 19, and 20, Calvin and Cate travelled to a highly competitive national tournament hosted at Bishop McDevitt High School in Philadelphia. After performing reasonably well in the preliminary debate rounds, the team earned a spot in the elimination debates. Calvin and Cate lost in the octafinal round to a team which eventually won the tourney.

On February 1, 2, and 3, MBA received considerable recognition when the teams of Calvin and Cate and Campbell and Greer participated in the Barkley Forum debates held at Emory University in Atlanta. The tournament consisted of approximately 160 debate teams from all parts of the country. After compiling a 4-2 record in the six rounds of preliminary competition, Campbell and Greer received special recognition from the director of the tournament for having placed thirty-third and for thus barely missing the opportunity of participating in the single-elimination debate rounds.

With a 5-1 preliminary record, Calvin and Cate succeeded in advancing to the octafinal elimination round where they were closely defeated by a team from Cincinnati on a judges' 2-1 ballot decision.

In the awards ceremony which followed the elimination debates, MBA was one of four schools which was recognized by the directors of the Barkley Forum as a consistently competitive and successful participant in the Emory tourney since its beginning in 1956.

After the regular debate season had come to a close in February, the three MBA debate teams worked extensively, preparing for the District Tournament held on February 15 and 16. The District Tournament involved 18 teams which were allowed to compete until they were defeated twice. A victory at the District tournament would mean the opportunity to debate in the National tournament held in June of each year.

By the fifth round, MBA's prospects for victory appeared bright as all three MBA teams and two Overton teams still remained in competition.

Unfortunately, the fifth round marked a change in the teams' success. While Calvin and Cate were given a bye in the fifth round, the teams of Campbell and Greer and Wells and Franklin were both defeated by the two Overton teams

and eliminated from competition. In the sixth round, Calvin and Cate suffered extreme disappointment in losing to one of the Overton teams. They were eliminated from further District debating because of two losses.

The District tournament was far from being an experience of total anguish and despair. In the one-man Lincoln-Douglass debating competition, Walt Silva placed third and Greg Stroup first for MBA. Stroup has thus earned a berth in the one-man debate rounds at the Nationals in June.

Because of the defeat at the District tournament, the MBA teams have one last opportunity to gain a position in the National Tournament. One of the teams must win the State tournament to be held at Austin Peay State University on April 11 and 12. With devoted research and practice, one of the MBA debate teams will hopefully be victorious at the State finals.



Miles Carlsen and Rob Daugherty rehearse for David and Lisa.

...Volunteer Jam

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dazzling appearance with a B.B. King tune called "Same Old Blues," then another superstar of the Country-Blues scene, Willie Nelson, took the stage. Brandishing a guitar at least as old and weather-beaten as Willie himself, he gave the spellbound crowd the best of his repertoire, including "Whiskey River," "Good Hearted Woman," and "Georgia on my Mind." Following Willie were three of the better new groups of the last few years: Wet Willie, Grinderswitch, and the Henry Paul Band, which many believe will soon be the hottest group in southern rock. More of the Blues ensued with Delbert McClinton, prominent local session man MacGayden, Dobie Gray, and Fiddler Papa John Creach.

One of the most memorable moments in Volunteer Jam History occurred when Charlie introduced the Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent. The king of Raunch n' Roll ambled onto the stage, dressed for the occasion with western shirt and black stetson, and proceeded to demonstrate his virtuosity on his shiny black guitar, bringing new life to Chuck Berry's hackneyed "Oh Carol." Many in the crowd wanted

to hear some of Nugent's own tunes, but the explicit lyrics of most of his songs would not have settled well with the establishment.

Those in the crowd who had to leave before 1:30 a.m. missed one of the show's high points in the appearance of the Allman Brothers Band. Back together after a three-year separation, the band sounded at least as good as before, if not better than ever. The Brothers flawlessly ripped through three of their classics: "Midnight Rider," "Southbound," and "Ramblin Man," as well as "Need Your Love So Bad" from their latest album, *Enlightened Rogues*. It was disappointing that they did not do "Whippin' Post" or "Statesboro Blues," but the appearance of one of Rock's most popular groups was a fitting way to cap an incredible evening.

After the Allman Brothers' set, a sundry group of performers took the stage to jam on several old Blues tunes. The group included former Lynyrd Skynyrd Producer Al Kooper, who played on most Skynyrd's albums, Billy Joel's saxophone player Richie Cannata, pianist Chuck Leavell, violinist Vassar Clements, and several noted session players.

David and Lisa Draws Crowds

BY JAY HARDCASTLE
AND ROB DAUGHERTY

On Friday and Saturday evenings, March 7 and 8, the Montgomery Bell Academy Players presented their production of James Reach's drama, *David and Lisa*. Due to the somewhat sub-par theatre facilities on our own campus, the event was held at the new million-dollar fine arts complex at the neighboring Saint Cecilia Academy.

This outstanding building, designed by Nashville architect Bruce Crabtree, designer of our own Patrick Wilson Library, houses a large art studio with energy-saving skylights, photography darkroom housing five enlargers, a kiln room for pottery, many music studios for piano lessons, and the 500-seat theatre. What makes this theatre so

outstanding is its elaborate lighting system (with two catwalks), the extensive sound system, and its size. The theatre's intimate size provides an excellent location for not only large-scale musicals but also for smaller, more intimate productions such as *David and Lisa*. Such a show would be virtually ineffective in a theatre such as the 750-seat Davis Auditorium at Harpeth Hall. Additionally, through the use of the Continental seating system, such as is used at Opryland's new Acuff Theatre, there are no "bad" seats. This past weekend, the crowd attending the show was adequate, and support by MBA students was appreciated.

Saint Cecilia students served as usherettes and ticket sellers at the theatre.

There were many fine performances in the production. Junior Miles Carlson was powerful and convincing as the emotionally

disturbed David Clemens. Val Havard's Lisa was very professional and emotionally touching. All of the other cast members performed equally as well. They were: Rob Daugherty, Allan Batson, Kevin Drury, Ed Brown, Jordan Asher, Drew Moore, and Jody Lentz (all from MBA); Holly Zimmermann, Jeannette James, Laura Broadhurst, and Ann Shouder (of Harpeth Hall); Laura Dokecki, Shannon Carver, Margaret McNamara, and Cathy McNamara (of St. Cecilia); and Jill Burgess of David Lipscomb.

Lighting design was done by Mr. Jim Poston, Rob Daugherty, and Miles Carlson. Roger Peek executed the lighting, and David Felts was in charge of the sound. Jim Poston was the patient director of this difficult production. Special thanks should go to Sister Mary Angela and Anne Marie McNamara of Saint Cecilia Academy for their enthusiastic support of this endeavor.

Chess on the Road

By BOBBY KHAN

During the past three months, the MBA Chess Club has been very active. On December 1-2, 1979, the chess club traveled to Crossville, Tennessee to play in the Cumberland County Scholastics. In the high school division, MBA finished third; individually, Bobby Khan won first place in his division. In the junior high division, MBA finished fourth with Ted Carver winning eighth place out of almost 70 players.

During the month of December, the chess club sponsored a school tournament open to all students and faculty. 48 people, including three faculty members participated. The final winners were:

Mike Anderson—1st Overall
Bobby Khan—2nd Overall
Ted Carver—Top Junior High
Wes Roberts—Top Unrated High School

Mark Finks—Top Unrated Junior High School

Then, on January 19-20, the MBA Chess Club participated in the state tournament at Murfreesboro. The championship team, which had lacked a sufficient amount of players, still managed to win a respectable fourth place; Matt Dolloff finished sixth individually.

The novice team, also lacking a number of players, finished fourth.

On March 1-2, 1980, the MBA Chess Team participated in the Southern High School Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. Despite the lack of some of the better players who were unable to

make it, MBA, fielding teams in the championship section and novice section of the six-round tournament, did extremely well.

In the championship division, MBA finished in second place with 12 points, only 1.5 points behind the champion, Christian Brothers of Memphis. Individually, Matt Dolloff, an eighth grader, finished 4-2, which was good enough for fourth place. Also participating in the championship section for MBA were Andy Nelson (3.0-3.0), Ted Carver (2.5-3.5), and Morris Lewis (2.5-3.5).

The MBA novice team, which was in the fight for first place throughout the tournament, finished in fifth place with 16 points, only 2 points behind the champion, Chapel Hill of North Carolina. Individually, Bobby Khan and George Cheji tied for fifth place out of 91 players in the division with a score of 4.5-1.5. Also competing in the novice section and doing well were: Marc Chambers (3.5-2.5), Atit Desai (3.5-2.5), Jeff Erickson (3.0-3.0), and Joe Knight (3.0-3.0).

Overall, MBA managed to turn in a very fine performance. With good scores from some of the younger members, the MBA chess team should continue to do well in future tournaments.

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Students hit the slopes

By GREG STROUP

Chaperoned by the temerous Mr. Jim Womack and Dr. Christian Niemeyer, the MBA outing club greatly enjoyed its first ski excursion to Wolf Laurel, North Carolina. A rather motley group of 23 MBA students joined 11 Harpeth Hall girls on the three day adventure from Feb. 8 - Feb. 11. After a brief stop at the Neptune Equipment Co. to pick up ski gear and ski instructors, the MBA-Harpeth Hall ski entourage, numbering 40 in all, departed from Nashville. Excitement pervaded the mood of the group as the long-awaited trip began. Group spirits sank somewhat during the wearying six hour bus ride but rose immediately upon arrival at the Great Smokey Mountain Hilton.

After a relatively sleepless night at the hotel, everyone arose early, Saturday morning and drowsily endured another, fortunately shorter bus ride en route to the Wolf Laurel Ski Resort. The bus arrived at the slope area about ten o'clock; whereupon all individuals anxiously exited the bus located their ski equipment, and quickly made their way to the slope faces. Snow was falling hard as the professional, semi-professional, and novice skiers tested their skills on the nine different possible runs. For the rather cowardly and uncoordinated neophytes, the bunny slope posed a suitable initial challenge. Gradually, most beginners gained enough skill to tackle the intermediate slope. For the more experienced or more daring skier, as the case may be, the intermediate run quickly became routine; and the advanced course with its dangerous moguls and icy patches became the dominant challenge to skiing ability. By the end of the first day, after nearly seven hours on the slopes, everyone in the group had experienced the joy of skiing.

Late Saturday afternoon, the bus returned to the Hilton and deposited the group of exhausted skiers for the night. The evening hours afforded a much-needed time for recuperation before the final day of skiing.

On Sunday, the snow stopped, and the sun shone, creating perfect ski conditions. Skiers refined and expanded skills acquired from the first day on the slopes by going down different runs, by experimenting with new maneuvers, and even by trying mogul jumping. Many members of the ski group seemed to enjoy particularly the danger and thrill of "the Chute"—the steepest, iciest, and generally most treacherous run off the mountain. Daredevils such as Damon Anagnos and Kevin Smith exceeded the limits of their better judgment and skiing ability by hurling their bodies at great speeds toward large moguls. Moreskilled but no less daring skiers like Harold DeBlanc and Alex Mitchell also attempted airborne stunts but with a notably higher degree of success than Damon or

Kevin. In addition, Burns, Smith, Anagnos, DeBlanc, and Mitchell all competed in numerous contests to determine who could jump the highest without incurring great bodily damage to himself. Harold DeBlanc displayed great form and skill and repeatedly won these contests. However, Kevin Smith was not to be denied a part in the glory of victory. During a final-day stunt display for picture taking purposes, Smith laid uncontested claim to the best fall award with a spectacular spread-eagle, out-of-the-sky crash.

As the final day of skiing, ended, group feeling was unanimous that the trip was a success. After lunch at the foot of the slopes, the bus departed on the long journey home, a journey which not only signified a return to the familiarity of school but also represented the conclusion to a tiring but tremendously fun outing club experience.



Brothers nears pin against Bellevue opponent.

By JIM EDWARDS

The MBA Varsity Wrestling team had an extremely successful season, better than most MBA teams in recent history.

Their dual match record was 8 and 7, the first winning season in several years. They captured the NIL Eastern division title by going undefeated against all teams in that division. The team had strong leadership from seniors Watt Crockett, Josy May, Russell Regen, and Tim Warnock. A major difficulty arose, however, with the injury of Josy May's knee after Christmas. As well, Junior Johnny Wagster wrestled with knee and shoulder injuries, but still did well.

The team participated in several invitational tournaments at Overton, Ryan, and Bellevue and brought home the first place trophy from the "Ninth and Last Annual"

Bellevue Wrestling tournament. MBA had six wrestlers in the finals, Mark Garfinkel, Bill Claunch, Tim Warnock, Watt Crockett, Mark Peffen and Johnny Wagster. Claunch and Warnock both took first place honors. Warnock brought home the best wrestler award, over powerful Tommy Mundy of Bellevue.

The January 2-3 Ryan Tournament was as successful for MBA, however. Warnock won his 126-lb. division with a 4-3 victory over Franklin's Mark Packey. This match gave Warnock the "Best Match" award, his first of two "Best Match" awards of the year. His other "Best Match" came from a 12-9 victory over Ricky Broughton of White's Creek in the finals of the Regional Tournament.

Others pulling their weight (so to speak) for the Big Red included, Scott Richardson, Mark Peffen, Don Brothers, Joel "Dancing Bear" Slaton, and Johnny Wagster, all Juniors. Sophomores wrestling well were Mark Garfinkel, Scott Haynes, Bill Claunch, Steve Stevens, Alex Grimsley, David Briley, Gil Graham, and Ally Fuqua. All these gained the valuable experience needed for successful future teams.

In an early tournament at Overton Warnock won first place, Watt Crockett captured third as did Josh May. Mark Garfinkel came home with a fourth place medal.

The first week-end in February was the District Tournament, held at Ryan. MBA did not fare as well as they had hoped; however, six persons made the finals and earned a berth in the regional tournament. They were district winners Bill Claunch and Tim Warnock, as well as placers Mark Garfinkel, Don

Brothers, Mack Peffen, and Johnny Wagster.

The next weekend, the regional tournament at Glenciff, was much better for the team. Competing against several teams with several more wrestlers entered, the Big Red grapplers captured a respectable fourth place in the region. Four members of this team placed in the region—Tim Warnock (first), Bill Claunch (second), Mark Peffen (fourth), and Johnny Wagster (fourth). This fourth place finish in the region is higher than that of many years and is solid proof of the commendable effort of the wrestling team.

In the week between the region and the state, the *Banner* always picks the All-NIL Team and their best wrestler. Bill Claunch made All-NIL second team, and Tim Warnock made All-NIL first team. The Best NIL Wrestler award also went to Warnock.

The State Tournament at Glenciff was held Feb. 15-16. The first day was excellent as Warnock advanced to the semi-finals. Also, Junior Johnny Wagster upset a regional winner and another fine wrestler to advance himself to the semifinals. These two wrestlers' victories put MBA tied for sixth in the state going in for the second day of the tournament. However, the second day wasn't as productive for MBA, and they came home without putting anyone in the finals.

In conclusion, it can be said that the Varsity Wrestling Team had an extremely successful season, with an NIL Eastern Division Title, a big victory in the Bellevue Tournament, Warnock's getting *Banner* NIL Wrestler of the Year, and a fourth place finish in the region.

Freshmen pin opponents

By TIM WARNOCK

The freshman season culminated at home, as the team captured the team championship in its own tournament, the MBA Classic. After the semi-finals on Friday night, the Little Red had edged ahead of the competition and placed six wrestlers in the finals. By Saturday night, the team had six individual champions and the team championship. Todd Helm, John Dale, and Bobby Morales won their weight divisions by defeating wrestlers they had lost to earlier in the year. Kent Rollins, Scott Albright, and Andrew McAllister also won their divisions. Kent Rollins, after pinning his way through the tournament, was named the meet's best wrestler and Todd Helm participated in the match judged to be the best by the officials. In addition, Coach Anderson Gaither was named Freshman Coach of the Year in the NIL.

Pin is a familiar word among this year's freshman wrestling team. The Little Red pinned their way through a near-perfect season with a dual match record of 6-1. The grapplers racked up 28 pins for a total of 168 team points. Kent Rollins' 12-second pin against Nashville Christian School set the MBA record for the fastest fall.

After dropping the season opener to a more experienced McGavock squad (38-32), the team stomped arch-rival Father Ryan before a sizeable home crowd (49-12). Once again on the road, the Little Red gained another win by defeating Northside (32-27). They then returned home to beat a perennially strong Overton team soundly (48-18). The team ended its dual match season with three impressive wins over BGA (54-17), Nashville Christian School (42-20), and Apollo (48-24).

Microbe Basketball Excels

The 1979-80 Microbe Basketball team enjoyed its most successful season in several years, losing only to Franklin Road Academy in posting a 10-2 record. The squad tied with Brentwood Academy for the HVAC regular season championship, but defeated Brentwood during the season on Sterling Gray's jumper with 12 seconds remaining in the game, by a score of 28-27. Coach Don Fisher singled out this victory as the pinnacle of a stellar season which saw the Big Red roll over every opponent except F.R.A., which defeated the Microbes once in the regular season and once in the HVAC tournament. The team captured third place in the tourney, defeating Page in a consolation game. Team captain Fletcher Lance

and center Mike Fabian were named to the All-Tournament team. In addition to these, Coach Fisher lauded forwards Bill Tirrill, Larry Hayes, and Scott O'Neill, and guards Alec McDougall, Davidson French, and Sterling Gray. Each of these players will no doubt contribute to MBA's rising roundball fortunes in the near future.



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Varsity Basketball Proves Strength

By KEN NICHOLS

The Varsity Big Red has thus far had a spectacular season under the coaching of their mentor, John Bennett. Senior Guard Ricky Bowers leads the team in scoring and assists, while junior Anderson Spickard and David Pack have provided extra scoring punch from the outside. Pack also leads the team in rebounds. Tom Moore and Bob Calton have done an excellent job inside against much larger opponents. Key reserve performances have been turned in by sixth man Rusty McDonald at forward, seniors Nate "Speed" Phillips and Chris Whitson, and Mike Johnson at post. Team spirit has been high all year long with great home crowd support from the student body. The Big Red record stands at 17-8, the best in recent history on the hill.

Glenciff 56, MBA 54

The Big Red started the season just four days after the Clinic Bowl. Four starting Tootball players—Ricky Bowers, Bob Calton, Tom Moore, and David Pack—along with Anderson Spickard gave Glenciff a run for the money and lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds. Spickard led the scoring with 16 points. Pack had 12.

MBA 61, Hillwood 38

MBA followed up the night after the Glenciff loss with a crushing defeat of Hillwood. Bowers had 13; and Rusty McDonald, Tom Moore, and Andy Spickard also hit double figures as the whole team got a chance to play.

Goodpasture 54, MBA 52

MBA was completely outsize by towering Goodpasture, but came close to an upset by putting on a chaotic "hustle and scrap" show that hindered Goodpasture's inside game. Spickard scored 20; Bowers had 18.

MBA 55, Overton 45

The Big Red shot down district enemy Overton, shooting over 70 percent from the field in the first half, and 60 per cent for the game. Bowers and Pack led the scoring with 22 and 17 respectively. Once again, MBA's hustle proved successful, and the Big Red's record went to 2-2.

MBA 44, BGA 43

Anderson Spickard put the Franklin rivals away with 16 points and a winning free throw with only a second remaining in the game. Moore, Calton, and Pack dominated the boards, while Bowers

gave his usual ball handling exhibition at point guard.

David Lipscomb 75, MBA 70

The team suffered a very disappointing loss to Lipscomb at the opponents' new gym. Cold spells in shooting and rebounding along with foul trouble caught the Big Red off guard. Pack and Spickard had 19 and 18 respectively while reserve junior Mike Johnson came off the bench to score 8 points. Bowers, lost in the third quarter on a controversial technical foul, scored 9.

MBA 58, UMS 51

MBA's trip to Mobile, Alabama proved to be successful even if slightly harder than expected. Expecting to breeze past a seemingly less talented UMS team, the Big Red found themselves struggling to stay alive against scrappy, emotional players. Ricky Bowers lowered their spirits though, by pounding the nets for a career high 36 points. Bowers also made an endless string of unbelievable steals and superb passes.

MBA 59, St Paul's 57

The Big Red had even more trouble with UMS rival St. Paul's the next night. Bowers again led in scoring with 24, while Andy Spickard had 13.

MBA 58, Father Ryan 49

MBA went into the Christmas holidays with a 6-3 record by crushing arch-rival Ryan. Bob Calton put on a show, yanking down countless rebounds and scoring 10 points. Bowers dribbled through a stunned Irish defense for 24 points, while Pack, Moore, and Spickard all contributed in the most emotional game of the year.

MBA 69, Hendersonville 54

The Rolling Red made their record 7-3 by drilling an overrated Hendersonville team for 69 points. David Pack played well at his forward position, attacking the boards and scoring 21 points. Bowers led with 22. Nate Phillips came off the bench in the fourth quarter when Bowers got into foul trouble, and a six point lead shot up to fifteen points.

Antioch 63, MBA 58

The Big Red's winning streak ended when Tom Whitby led the Antioch team in a come-back to upset the Big Red in double overtime. Ricky Bowers sacked 29 points and Spickard scored 11. This game did not count on MBA's district record, then 2-1.



Andy Spickard looks for the open man.

MBA 48, Antioch 46

The Varsity came through when it counted a week later by avenging the previous loss to Antioch. Spickard and Bowers led with 14 points each; Pack hit for 10. The exciting win at home made the Big Red 3-1 in the district.

Pearl 70, MBA 65

MBA tumbled to the ground in a frustrating district loss to top-rated Pearl. After shooting poorly and being outrun and outgunned for three and one half quarters, MBA cut a 60-41 lead down to three points before losing 70-65. David Pack led with 21 points while Spickard scored 16. Moore chipped in with 13.

MBA 59, Hillsboro 57

MBA came back with another district win to make them 4-2 in the district and 9-5 overall. Bowers had 21, Spickard had 20, and Bob Calton hit the winning free throws with only seconds remaining. Tom Moore and David Pack continued to clear the boards as they have done all year.

MBA 67, David Lipscomb 59

The Big Red avenged an earlier loss to the non-district opponents by overcoming a first-half slump and winning in double overtime behind Bowers' 22 points and Spickard's 19. Pack added 14, while Calton and Moore handled the inside game with pure hustle. As Coach Bennett says, "We hate to lose."

MBA 58, Glenciff 49

The Varsity then avenged another loss, this one to Glenciff, by gliding past the Colts in front of a very pleased home crowd. Bowers had 24 and Pack scored 16 as the Big Red led without question from start to finish. MBA's district record now stood at 5-2, with an 11-5 record on the season.

MBA 64, Cohn 62

MBA outlasted Cohn, ranked seventh in the State AA polls, to a double overtime win at home. Bowers and Spickard had 19 points each and Bob Calton added 14. Bowers was injured in the game with a sprained ankle and a swollen hand.

Goodpasture 75, MBA 40

Without Ricky Bowers or trusted senior reserve Nate Phillips at point guard, the Big Red fell apart against an extremely physical Goodpasture team. The game, filled with controversial calls, a lot of talking, and the expulsion of Ken Nichols became a total farce before it was over. David Pack managed to score 17 points in the confusion while Spickard scored 13.

Overton 57, MBA 43

Shooting a frustrating 33 per cent from the field, the Big Red watched a district win slip through their fingers as a red-hot fourth-quarter surge by the Bobcats left MBA in the cold dropping their district record to 5-3. Spickard and Pack scored twelve each, and Bob Calton injured his ankle as Bowers recovered from his injury.

Father Ryan 68, MBA 53

The Big Red lost its third straight district game as they let a vengeful Irish team crush them in the new Ryan gym. Poor shooting against good shooting made the difference. David Pack scored 16 while Ricky Bowers had 14. MBA's record, in one week, dropped from 12-5 to 12-8.

MBA 49, Hillwood 27

MBA struggled back to break their losing streak over a much weaker Hilltopper team. Tom Moore and David Pack scored 10 each as the whole team got to play in front of the crowd at Harpeth Hall.



Ricky Bowers maneuvers down the court as Moore prepares to set a pick.

MBA 52, Antioch 50

The Big Red came whistling out of their slump like a rocket with a superb combination of team spirit and hustle to defeat the bears for the second time in three tries this season. Anderson Spickard was the hero when he drove one on one down the floor and sacked a shot over the whole Antioch team with only two seconds remaining. Spickard had 16 for the game, and Ricky Bowers retained his previous form in scoring 23.

MBA 51, Hillsboro 47

MBA made its district record 7-4, 15-8 overall, by defeating the Burros twice in one season for the first time in recent history. Bowers had 18 points, followed up by Spickard's 13. Calton, Pack, and Moore attacked

the boards and kept Hillsboro's inside game under control.

MBA 52, Pearl 48

The Varsity upset the first place Tigers in front of a relatively small home crowd. The win gave the Big Red a second seed for the district tournament with an 8-4 record (16-8 overall). Anderson Spickard led a balanced offensive attack with 16 points. Ricky Bowers followed with 14; Tom Moore added 13.

MBA 46, BGA 41

MBA ended the regular season by slapping rival BGA in the face in the opponents' gym. In front of a large "BGA" crowd, Ricky Bowers scored 16 points while Spickard added 12; Bobby Calton stuffed Matt Anglin, the Wildcats' center.



Rusty McDonald fires one up.

Freshmen Junior Varsity

By TOM WOOD

"It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." This cliché might very well sum up the 1979-80 Freshman Basketball Team. Past the half-way point of their regular season, the team's record is 2-9, with the only victories being against Lipscomb, 45-34 and 56-42. However, the Big Red lost their last game against Overton by only 2 points, a possible sign that the team is improving.

Despite their disappointments, the players have played with much enthusiasm. In an interview before their game with Overton, Coach Elliot said that the team has much potential, but that there have only been five consistently good players—Jimmy Brown and Terry Watterson (forwards), Hardy Burch and Jim Fite (guards), and Brooks Corzine (center). Coach Elliot added that the main reason the team is doing so poorly is their "immaturity in handling pressure situations."

The team's two leading scorers have been Terry Watterson with 123 pts., and Brooks Corzine with 122 pts. Coach Elliot feels that the team will end up doing fairly well in their district standings.

The Junior Varsity Basketball team currently sports a 10-5 record. The squad has played well in every game so far against some of the city's top teams. The highlight of the season was a one-point victory over arch-rival Father Ryan. Coach Gideon says that the team's balance has been the key to its success thus far, as each team member makes a significant contribution in each game. The coach platoons his forces, starting a different quintet each quarter, and this team concept has been successful enough to overcome through hustle 192 the squad's lack of natural talent. Coach Gideon praised the play of Scott Tune, Ken Nichols, and Chris Silva, varsity players who also play for the J.V., as well as guards Pen Caldwell, Mark Hastings, "Duke" Klausner, and Sambo Harwell; forwards Ken Downey, Mike Hutcherson, Tim Ford, and Kirk Porter, and centers Allen Carden and Brad McKinney. With continued fine team play, prospects for the remainder of the season appear bright and all of these players should figure in the next year's Varsity plays.